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SUBJECT: UNSSOD: FIRST MEETING OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE
OF THE WHOLE, JUNE 1, L978

REFS: (A) USUN 2216 (B) USUN 2220

1. SUMMARY. THE AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MET JUNE 1 TO ADOPT GUIDELINES FOR THE OPERATION AND WORK OF THE COMMITTEE (REF B) FORMALLY APPROVE THE LIST OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS (NGOS) AND RESEARCH INSTITUTES (REF A) WHICH WILL ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE JUNE 12, AND TO HEAR REPORTS FROM THE EXPERTS GROUP ON THE LINK BETWEEN DISARMAMENT AND DEVELOPMENT AND THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON A WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE. END SUMMARY.

2. THE COMMITTEE FORMALLY ADOPTED THE GUIDELINES FOR THE OPERATION AND WORK OF THE COMMITTEE AND ITS TWO WORKING GROUPS ON DECLARATION/MACHINERY AND PROGRAM OF ACTION (REPORTED REF B). FOLLOWING ADOPTION OF THE GUIDELINES, COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ORTIZ DE ROZAS (ARGENTINA) REQUESTED THAT THE WORKING GROUPS FOCUS THEIR EFFORTS ON THE LANGUAGE IN THE TEXT OF THE FINAL UNCLASSIFIED

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DOCUMENT WHICH REMAINED IN BRACKETS, TAKING AS AGREED THOSE PORTIONS WHICH CONTAINED NO BRACKETS.

3. THE COMMITTEE ALSO FORMALLY APPROVED THE LIST OF NGOS AND RESEARCH INSTITUTES WHICH WILL BE ALLOWED TO ADDRESS THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON JUNE 12. REPORT AND LIST CONTAINED REF A.

4. AMB. THORSSON OF SWEDEN REPORTED ON THE WORK OF THE GROUP OF EXPERTS ON THE DEVELOPMENT/DISARMAMENT LINK. SHE SAID THE REPORT SHOULD INVESTIGATE THREE MAIN AREAS: (1) THE PRESENT UTILIZATION OF REAL RESOURCES FOR MILITARY PURPOSES; (2) THE FUTURE EFFECTS OF THE CONTINUATION OF THE ARMS RACE ON SUPPLY AND DEMAND OF THESE RESOURCES; AND (3) THE PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REALLOCATION OF RESOURCES RELEASED BY DISARMAMENT MEASURES FOR DEVELOPMENT. FULL TEXT OF STATEMENT POUCHED MACUK/IO.

5. AMB. HOYVEDA (IRAN) DESCRIBED THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE. HE AVOIDED THE SUBSTANCE OF THE COMMITTEE'S WORK AND ADDRESSED ONLY THE FACT THAT IT HAD PROCEEDED BY CONSENSUS AND TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT THE VIEWS OF ALL, INCLUDING THE US AND PRC, NEITHER OF WHICH DIRECTLY PARTICIPATED IN ITS WORK.

6. ONE POINT TO BE NOTED WAS THAT THE PRC REP INTERVENED TWICE: FIRST, TO STATE THAT, ALTHOUGH THE PRC HAD NOT PARTICIPATED IN THE PREPARATORY MEETINGS, HIS COUNTRY WANTED TO PUT FORTH ITS VIEWS AT APPROPRIATE TIMES IN BOTH THE AD HOC COMMITTEE AND ITS WORKING GROUPS; AND LATER, TO ATTACK THE WORLD PEACE COUNCIL

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AS A "TOOL OF ONE SUPERPOWER." THESE STATEMENTS REINFORCE THE PRC MAY 29 DECLARATION THAT THE PRC WILL, FOR THE FIRST TIME, ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN DISARMAMENT TALKS.

7. THE AD HOC COMMITTEE WILL MEET NEXT ON JUNE 7. THE TWO WORKING GROUPS WILL HOLD THEIR FIRST MEETINGS, FRIDAY, JUNE 2. YOUNG

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